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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT MEETING IN ALEXANDRIA

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1. LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE LAST EVENING GAVE ME CONSIDERABLY DIFFERENT VERSION OF OPENING CEREMONIES OF 41ST MEETING OF ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL COMMISSION THAN REPORTED REFTEL. CONTRARY TO FLEETING PRESS MENTION AND ASSURANCES OF GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR, GOVERNOR'S WORDS OF WELCOME WERE MORE THAN PLATITUDINOUS, ACCORDING TO SOURCE.

2. HE SAYS WHOLE THEME OF OPENING SESSION WAS THAT ARABS HAVE TWO ENEMIES: ZIONISM AND AMERICA. GOVERNOR IN HIS SPEECH SAID GOAL OF ARABS MUST BE TO DESTROY ZIONISM. HE SAID (WITHOUT USING BEGIN'S NAME) THAT "A NEW HITLER NOW GOVERNS ISRAEL AND THIS NEW HITLER MUST BE DESTROYED."

3. SOURCE SAID SAUDI DELEGATE DELIVERED HIS SPEECH IN VERY LOW VOICE AND WITH HAND ACROSS MOUTH "IN ORDER DELIBERATELY NOT TO BE HEARD", BUT TO BE ABLE TO TELL RIAD GOVERNMENT HE HAD SPOKEN. ALL SOURCE CAUGHT WAS INDICATION SAUDI ARABIA ENDORSED HARDER APPLICATION OF BOYCOTT AND "NEW STRATEGY". WHEN HE LATER ASKED DELEGATE WHAT NEW STRATEGY WAS CONTEMPLATED, LATTER DENIED HE HAD EVER MENTIONED THAT, HE HAD ONLY CALLED FOR HARDER APPLICATION OF PRESENT BOYCOTT REGULATIONS.

4. AFP REPORTER SAID GOVERNOR MAY HAVE BEEN ONLY ONE WHO REALLY HEARD SAUDI SPEECH, FOR AT END HE ROSE, AND IN AN "AGGRESSIVE AND NERVOUS MANNER" SPOKE AGAIN. HIS THEME WAS THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENCES AMONG THE DELEGATIONS, BUT ALL SHARED A COMMON GOAL, THE DESTRUCTION OF ZIONISM.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT FAILURE OF ARABIC LANGUAGE PRESS
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TO COVER OPENING CEREMONIES, AFP MAN REPLIED "THEY ARE BOYCOTTING THE BOYCOTT CONFERENCE". HE SAID COMMISSIONER GENERAL MAHGAUB "HAS VERY BAD MANNERS WITH THE PRESS" SO ONLY ONE PHOTOGRAPHER (AL AHRAM) AND ONE STRINGER FOR ANOTHER CAIRO ARABIC DAILY EVEN BOthered ATTEND OPENING.

6. SOURCE HIMSELF SAID HE WILL DO LITTLE MORE ON BOYCOTT STORY UNTIL CLOSING SESSION BUT DID HAVE APPOINTMENT WITH IRAQI DELEGATE AFTER OUR MEETING AND WOULD PASS ON TO ME ANYTHING HE LEARNED OF INTEREST. HE GAVE ME ARABIC TEXT OF MAHGOUB SPEECH AT OPENING, WHICH WE ARE NOW TRANSLATING, AND PROMISED TO TRY TO GET COPY OF AGENDA LISTING COMPANIES UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR REMOVAL FROM BOYCOTT BLACKLIST.

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